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**Social Studies 9 Unit 4 Struggle for Control of North America**

# **4H Interior Exploration & Fur-Trade**



**References:**

Cranny, M. (1998) Crossroads: A Meeting of Nations, Ch. 9

video titles: "Empire Builders" (Origins Series) or "David Thompson, Mapmaker"

**Focus Questions (come back to these when you have completed your notes):**

- What differences marked the rivals in the inland fur-trade?
- How was the interior of Western Canada mapped?
- How did Britain come to know and claim the northwest coast of North America?

**Questions**

Read pages 255 -280 in Crossroads and answer the following questions:

1. How and when did the Hudson's Bay Company start? What was the their trading policy or method? (you've seen this question before)
2. How did the Northwest Company start? How were their trading methods different than the HBC?
3. What did the voyageurs eat?
4. What motivated both the HBC and NWC to send out explorers?
5. Describe the accomplishments of Alexander Mackenzie (who, what, where, when, why)
6. Which river did Simon Fraser think he was traveling in 1808?
7. Which Northwest explorer has been recognized as one of the best map-makers in history?
8. Which organization employed Fraser, Mackenzie, and Thompson?

9. What did the European sea explorers who arrived on the Northwest Coast think of the Native peoples they met?

10. The fur that formed the basis of the maritime fur trade came from which animal? The greatest demand for the furs from the Northwest Coast came from which country?

11. How did James Cook prevent scurvy? Did he find a Northwest Passage?

12. Who was the navigator responsible for mapping the southern coast of British Columbia ?

13. With which country did the British negotiated for control of the Northwest Coast?

14. Summarize the role of Women in the fur-trade.

15. Why and when did the HBC and the NWC merge?

21. After the NWC and HBC merged, from where were all furs shipped to Europe?

**Vocabulary words** -- watch for these words in Ch. 9 as you read; define them if they are new to you:

trading post

Fort William

voyageur

wintering partners (hivernants)

canots du nord

canots de maitre

York Boat

pemmican

portage

### Map of Interior Exploration

Place a number in the key and on the map to match the explorers to the routes they traveled.  
(Reference p. 272)

